

SENATE BILL 104

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41,  
relative to a society plan for incarcerated  
prisoners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 51, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 41-51-105.

(a) The department of correction shall develop a multiagency plan to prepare and enhance the successful reentry of nonviolent offenders into the community. The plan shall be developed by, and have the concurrence of, the presiding judge, chief probation officer, the district attorney, the local custodial agency, and the public defender, or their designees, and shall be submitted to the board of supervisors for its approval. The plan shall provide that when a report is prepared recommending a state prison commitment, the report shall also include, but not be limited to, the offender's treatment, literacy, and vocational needs. Any sentence imposed pursuant to this section shall include a recommendation for completion while in state prison with all relevant programs to address those needs identified in the assessment.

(b) The department of correction is authorized to enter into an agreement with up to three (3) counties to implement subsection (a) and to provide funding for the purpose of the probation department carrying out the assessment. The department of correction, to the extent feasible, shall provide to the offender all programs pursuant to the court's recommendation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.